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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 6 p.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, You are from everlasting to everlasting. Reveal Your glory in our Nation and world. Let Your light so shine through our Senators that people will see the good things our lawmakers accomplish because of Your might. May these people then praise You for Your bountiful goodness.

Holy God, empower us to escape from our fragmentary and broken selves into the exemplary unity You desire for us all. Lead us away from doubt and disillusionment, from cynicism and despair. Lead us toward faith and hope, certainty and love.

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNOCK thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

### BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today, the Senate will take up a series of votes to confirm three highly qualified nominees to the Biden administration: Jason Miller for Deputy OMB Director, Janet McCabe for Deputy EPA Administrator, and Colin Kahl for Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

And then, later this afternoon, the Senate will move forward with the

process to take up the bipartisan water infrastructure bill. I expect the Senate will do so with significant bipartisan support.

The water infrastructure bill is as noncontroversial as it gets. It was approved by the Environment and Public Works Committee on a unanimous consent vote—every single Democrat, every single Republican—thanks to the good work of Chairman CARPER and Ranking Member CAPITO. This water infrastructure bill is also a core component of the Republican infrastructure proposal released last week. So I hope this legislation will serve as a starting point for our two parties to collaborate on infrastructure when and where we can. At the moment, Senators Carper, Duckworth, and Cardin continue discussions with Republican Senators about possible amendments.

But let me be very clear: The Senate must conclude its work on the water infrastructure bill before the end of the week.

This is not a controversial bill or a complicated new program. In too many communities, access to clean, safe, and affordable drinking water is not a guarantee. Surely, we can all agree that in America clean drinking water should be a fundamental guarantee.

The Senate must take first necessary steps to invest in communities with aging water infrastructure by passing this bill, and we must do so this week.

### NOMINATIONS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now on nominees, yesterday, I highlighted a number of accomplishments the Senate

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